



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title : Automotive Control Apparatus and Method

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 24, 2006, the period for response having been extended to June 24, 2006 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.